

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22642**

This bill will provide Idaho residents a means to refinance student loans through the Idaho Student Loan Refinancing Authority. The Authority will be able to refinance federal student loans at lower interest rates and reinvest money earned in grants for Idaho students. This legislation will create a better lending environment for students, a revenue stream for future college grants and scholarships, and places loan servicing in Idaho rather than in Washington D.C. 56% of all Idaho college graduates have an average debt of \$26,000, from which the federal government earns profits. Idaho's college graduates deserve better interest rates and more opportunity for state funded grants.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

The Idaho Student Loan Refinancing Authority requires an initial startup investment but will be self-sustaining from the revenue generated by servicing low interest student loans.

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